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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Joseph C. CAUTHEN |) | Group Art Unit: 3738 |
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| Application No.: 10/075,615 |) | Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay |
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| Filed: February 15, 2002 |) | |
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| For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS |) | Confirmation No.: 2841 |
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Sir:

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

This is in response to the notice of non-compliant amendment mailed February 18, 2005, for which a response is due March 18, 2005.

Applicant has corrected the status identifiers for each claim and submits herewith the Amendments to the Claims section in its entirety.